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Montgomery County to Receive \$630 Million in State Funds for Local Transportation Projects

Among those present at the recent news conference are (from left and behind Leggett and O'Malley) County Councilmember George Leventhal; Council Vice President Craig Rice; Delegate Tom Hucker/Dist. 20; Maryland Secretary of Transportation James T. Smith; and Maryland Lt. Governor Anthony Brown.



Among the projects to receive funding are several located Upcounty:

- **Corridor Cities Transitway**, a 15-mile bus rapid transit system extending from the Shady Grove Metro Station to the COMSAT facility just south of Clarksburg, will receive \$100 million in new funding for right-of-way acquisition and final design for the Phase I portion extending to the Metropolitan Grove MARC Station in Gaithersburg.
- **I-270/Watkins Mill Road Interchange** will include improvements to I-270 from north of MD 124 to south of Middlebrook Road and bicycle and pedestrian improvements along Watkins Mill Road. The project will receive \$125 million in new funding for construction.
- **MD 124 Widening (Phase 2)** will receive \$3 million in new funding for design to widen this route to a six-lane divided highway from Midcounty Highway to south of Airpark Road. The third phase, widening MD 124 to Warfield Road, is not funded.

In addition, **Ride On** will receive \$85 million in new funding, increasing the State's subsidy by 50 percent to fully fund the State's fair share of the bus service.

See the entire list and details at

http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=11199

Tax Free Week in Maryland; Shop tax free August 11 - 17

Shoppers will be spared Maryland's 6 percent sales tax for clothing and shoes priced \$100 or less. Each article of clothing or footwear that is \$100 or less will be exempt from the tax, regardless of how many items you buy at the same time. For more information, [click here](#) or visit

http://comptroller.marylandtaxes.com/Public_Services/Agency_Information/Office_of_the_Comptroller/Comptroller_Initiatives/Shop_Maryland_Tax-free_Week/?utm_source=20130722+GGCC+Client+List&utm_campaign=78ec3cfb79-

Safety Alliance Meeting for Businesses

Tuesday, August 13

201 Edison Park Lane, Gaithersburg

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Networking

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Safety Alliance Meeting

Agenda Items:

- Possible Food to Alcohol Ratio changes
- Alcohol Service Hours
- New Bar/Tavern License

If questions, contact: Emily DeTitta, Licensing & Outreach Manager
Montgomery County Department of Liquor Control
240-777-1904
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Please RSVP by Friday, August 9th if you are able to attend.

Applications Now Being Accepted for the Montgomery County Police Citizen Academy

The Montgomery County Police Department is currently accepting applications for future sessions of the Citizen Academy. The program is free, but participants must be 18 years of age or older and either live or work in Montgomery County.

Learn more at <http://www.mymcpnews.com/2013/08/08/applications-now-being-accepted-for-the-mcp-citizen-academy/>

Leggett Appeals Decision on Pepco Rate Increase; Seeks “reliable energy at a reasonable cost” for Residents

County Executive Ike Leggett has “instructed the County Attorney to file an appeal in Montgomery County Circuit Court to stop the recent ruling by the Maryland Public Service Commission approving a \$27 million rate increase for Pepco....” as part of an ongoing campaign to ensure that residents get “reliable energy at a reasonable cost.” See Mr. Leggett’s entire statement at

http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/statements/ST_details.asp?StID=583

Conflict Resolution Training is Available to Your Group!

Did you know that Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County (CRCMC) provides low cost conflict management and resolution training for your staff, clients, or contacts? Our conflict resolution workshops are educational and fun.

[Click here for more information.](#) or visit <http://www.crcmc.org/ourservices/training>



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www.mcagfair.com

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County Council <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/cshtml.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp>

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases/

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/libraries/index.asp>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingervices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>